



## **Beware of Unlicensed Contractors and How to Report Unlicensed Activity**

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**Protect yourself and your property as you seek assistance for repair work performed during natural disasters.**

It is important for you to always hire a State of Florida or Orange County licensed contractor for any repair work. Here are a few things to remember:

**Who is an unlicensed contractor?** The person offering to perform work without the required license is an unlicensed contractor.

**What is unlicensed activity?** When a person who is not licensed offers to perform work that requires a license that is issued and regulated by the state.

**What steps can you take to ensure you do not become a victim of unlicensed activity?**

- **Know what scope of work requires a licensed contractor**
  - **Roof repairs, electrical repairs and wiring**
- **Verify the license is valid**
- **Review contract and any documents before signing**
- **Avoid making full payments until contractor has obtained final inspection for work that has been completed**
- **Report unlicensed contractor activity**

**Helpful resources and quick links:**

Verify a licensed contractor

Orange County: [www.fasttrack.ocfl.net/OnlineServices/](http://www.fasttrack.ocfl.net/OnlineServices/) (click on licensed contractors)

State of Florida: [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com)

Consumer Fraud: [www.ocfl.net/fraud](http://www.ocfl.net/fraud)

**Report unlicensed activity call 1-866-532-1440**

You can also visit the **Division of Building Safety** located in the **Orange County Administration Center** at 201 South Rosalind Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Orlando, FL 32801 or contact us at: **407-836-5550**.